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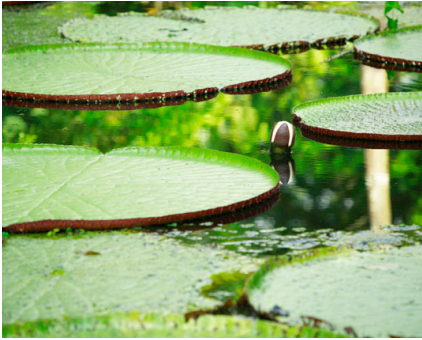
The State of Amazonas, Brazil's largest state, with an area of more than 1.5 millions km², of which 54% are protected areas, holds 97% of its original forest cover still standing, making for the state with the largest tropical forest carbon stock on the planet. Half of the state's population of 3.3 million live in the capital, Manaus, while the other half is scattered among 61 municipalities. The State of Amazonas is also home to 66 indigenous groups and thousands of species, most of which still unknown to science.

With so much at stake, the state was one of the pioneers in establishing state-wide public policies related to climate change and in designing positive incentives for forest conservation. In 2007, Amazonas established its State [Policy on Climate Change](#) (PEMC) (law 3.135/2007) and a complementary law (53/2007), which establishes the State System for Protected Areas (SEUC). This was followed by the development of the State's Deforestation Prevention and Control Plan (PPCDAM), involving many state secretaries in a combined effort to develop ways of reducing deforestation while creating new economic alternatives. Combined, these policies have helped reduce deforestation from activities such as land grabbing, illegal logging, soy farming and cattle ranching from a 10 year average (1996-2005) of 868 Km² to

REDD

One of the strategies related to REDD adopted by the Amazonas State Government was the creation of a public-private foundation, the [Amazonas Sustainable Foundation](#) (FAS) tasked with managing the Bolsa Floresta Program (PBF), a pioneer pilot program for payment for ecosystem services, which supports 15 State Protected Areas.

One important result of the establishment of FAS was the development of the [Juma Reserve REDD Project](#), the first REDD project to be validated under a voluntary standard in Brazil ([the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards](#) (CCBS)). The goal of the project is to manage a Sustainable Development Reserve, as well as implement activities outlined in the Protected Area Management Plan to curb deforestation in the region.



The state is currently developing its “[State Policy on Environmental Services](#)”, discussed in the context of the Amazonas State Forum on Climate Change, with the participation of the Traditional People’s and Communities State Council and various other stakeholders, which aims to structure economic and operational mechanisms to evaluate and provide state wide incentives to stakeholders that help conserve and preserve the natural resources of Amazonas. The state has officially released the draft law proposal on March, 2011. The draft is the basis for online and offline public consultations, which have started in July and will cover 7 municipalities, including Manaus. The sessions will be conducted by [Ceclima](#), the technical body of the Secretariat of Environment and

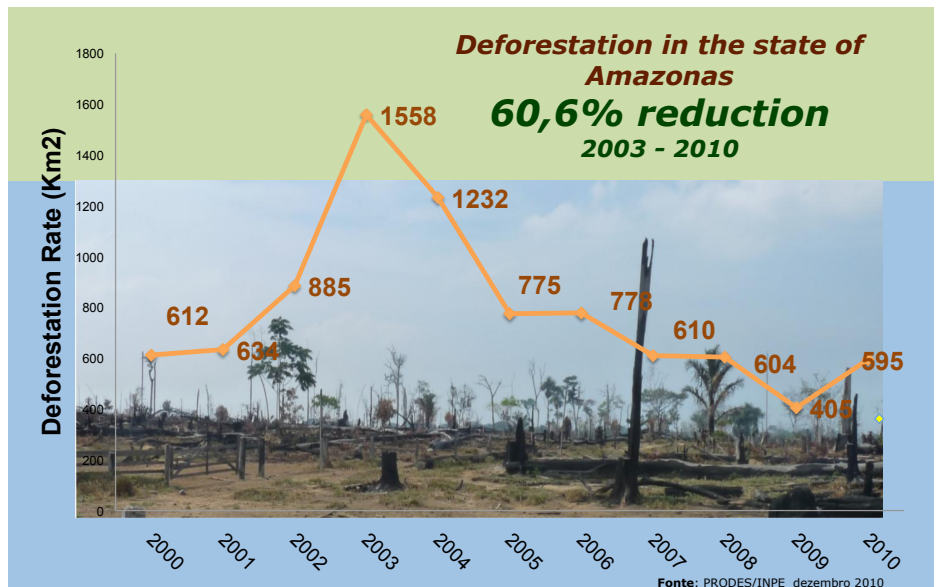


Sustainable Development of Amazonas (SDS-AM) responsible for implementing the State Policy on Climate Change.

A REDD+ program will be developed under the law, in order to support the deforestation reduction and conservation efforts, benefiting forest communities, peoples, dwellers, the biodiversity, while protecting the carbon

The Amazonas State REDD+ system

- Dialogue between national and international REDD+ systems;
- State baseline, targets;
- Respect for social and environmental principles and criteria;
- Fair and just benefit sharing;
- MRV Registry;
- State-of-the-art science experiments: FAS - Bolsa Floresta Program, and IDESAM - REDD+ ;
- Opportunities in southern Amazonas State



What is CECLIMA ?



The State Center for Climate Change (CECLIMA) is the first specialized center government of Brazil to articulate public policies on climate change. It was created in 2008 by the Secretariat of State for the Environment and Sustainable Development (SDS) for the implementation of Law 3135 of June 5, 2007 - State Policy on Climate Change of the State of Amazonas.

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